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In re Appln. of: Rigby et al.

Appln. No.: 10/575,800

Filed: April 13, 2006

For: ELECTROCHEMICAL REDUCTION OF METAL OXIDES

Attorney Docket No: 9378/207 (FP 23680)

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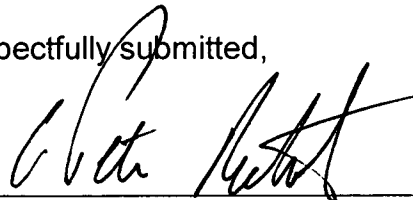
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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

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2003/0173228 A1	9/18/2003	Strezov et al.
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### OTHER DOCUMENTS

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/A.P./	B9	WO 03/038156	5/8/2003	WIPO		Abstract
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